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## **Экономические системы и экономические проблемы**

Существует множество путей, с помощью которых правительство может организовывать свою экономику, и тип выбранной экономической системы важен в формировании окружающей среды.

Экономическая система – это путь, благодаря которому страна может использовать доступные ей ресурсы, чтобы удовлетворить требования жителей страны и повлиять на их уровень жизни. Существуют четыре категории экономических систем: традиционная, командная, рыночная и смешанная. В наше время мы сталкиваемся с такими экономическими проблемами как кризис, безработица, коррупция и другие.

## **Economic systems and economic problems**

People and societies organize economic life to deal with the basic problems through economic systems. There are a number of ways in which a government can organize its economy and the type of system chosen is critical in shaping environment in which businesses operate.

An economic system is the way in which a country uses its available resources (land, workers, natural resources, machinery etc.) to satisfy the demands of its inhabitants for goods and services. The more goods and services that can be produced from these limited resources, the higher the standard of living enjoyed by the country's citizens.

Most economic systems use one or more of three basic methods to make economic decisions: tradition, command and markets. Economic systems are classified into four broad categories, according to how most economic decisions are made. These are traditional, command, market and mixed economies.

*Traditional economy.* People generally repeat the decisions made at an earlier time or by an earlier generation.

*Command economy.* They rely almost totally on government to make economic decisions through centralized authorities. The government owns all the major productive resources.

*Market economy.* Most productive resources are owned by private individuals. Individuals make economic decisions in response to market signals and on the basis of their own preferences.

*Mixed economy.* The economic system used in most countries lies between the two extremes of command and market economies. Mixed economies answer the basic economic questions partly through the market and partly through the government, with some decisions based on tradition as well.

Economy is a system which tries to balance the available resources of a country, including land, labour, capital and enterprise. Economy of a certain region or country is closely interlinked with such areas as culture, education, technological progress, history, political structure, legal systems, natural resources and ecology. These areas or factors set the conditions for the economy. That is why some cultures create more productive economies and function better than others.

As for Russia, its economy strongly depends on its vast natural resources, such as gas, oil, coal and precious metals. The Russian economy is the 8th largest economy in the world. However, it has experienced great changes lately, as it has been affected by global economic crisis. The inflation rate in Russia is quite high and the prices are growing year by year. Unemployment and poverty still remain one of the serious economic problems. In spite of the decline, Russia has various profitable branches of industry, for example, metallurgical, automobile, chemical, textile, agricultural and others.

People have lived in our planet Earth for centuries and global problems have always existed. In ancient times the biggest global problem was wars. People have been fighting with each other since beginning of the civilization mostly to get new territories and more land. Today, there are more global problems which can be divided into two categories: ecological problems and social, economic and political issues. The first category includes issues relating to ecological destruction, pollution and global warming as the result. The climate is changing and many people agree that climate change is one of the greatest threats facing the planet. Global warming has already killed off some types of animals and plants.

Rising sea levels are threatening whole nations on the islands in the Pacific and Indian Oceans.

The second category of global problems deals with social, economic and political issues. They include global terrorism, poverty, human rights, health issues, racism and many others. We are faced with the problem of global terrorism and more and more countries are suffering from it. It is difficult to catch terrorists and prevent their acts, but most countries decided to fight against terrorism. However, new terrorist attacks have been committed.

Poverty is another global problem. The worst situation is in Africa where people (mostly children) die every day of hunger. The poor also have less access to health, education and other services. Incurable diseases and epidemics are also global challenges for the humanity.

There are many organisations that fight global problems, but this battle has lasted for a long time and it will take much time for the solution of all of them. We live in the 21st century and humanity has made a great progress in technology, so I think that it is strange that we still have global problems, especially the ones that deal with social, economic and political issues. I am sure that they can be solved completely without any conflicts or wars.

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